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- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay.

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See 37 CFR 1.27.
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DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

FIG 1 illustrates an arm 1 with a hook and fastening means, 3 attached at the tip of arm 1. In the middle of arm 1 are teeth 5 with slot 7 next to teeth 5 and a hook and loop fastening means 9 at the other end of arm 1. Arm 1 and arm 2 are connected to each other by arm extension 11. Arm 2 serves the same purpose as arm 1 in which there is a hook and loop fastening means 4, and teeth 6 with slot 8 and hook and loop fastening means 10 all embodied on or in arm 2. Arm extension 11 is made a part of oval extension 13 with tip 15 on the end.

FIG 2. shows the arm 2 with hook and loop fastening means parts 4 and 10 in relation to teeth 6 to illustrate a side view of one part of the device.

FIG 3. Illustrates one end of arm 1 inserted through slot 7 which when wrapped tightly will engage teeth 5 to hold shoelace 18 in place while maintaining the integrity of the knot.

FIG 4. Illustrates a side view of arm 1 to better display the position of a hook and loop fastening means 3 and 9 and teeth 5 in relationship to each other.

FIG 5. Illustrates the device fully engaged on both sides of knot 20 with arms 1 and 2 wrapped around bows 18 and 16 to maintain the integrity of the knot 20. Arm extension 11 connects arm 1 to arm 2 with oval extension 13 being displayed in its open state and unattached to a shoe. Tip 15 purpose is to allow the device to be easily inserted through a shoelace hole on a shoe with the device being inserted through oval extension 13 to form a semi-permanent noose around the shoe material.

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Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 and 2 (canceled)

Claims 3 through 5 (New)

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I claim:

1. (canceled) A combination shoe and shoelace retaining device comprising of flexible wrapping members to hold the lace once the shoe is tied in place and retard slipping, with an additional part being a flexible loop extension designed to be inserted through a shoelace hole, with the entire device passing through the loop on the other side of the hole to semi attach the device to the upper of a shoe.

2. (canceled) A combination shoe and shoelace retaining device as described in claim one, wherein each flexible wrapping member has a slot to allow self insertion and interlocking of the member around the shoelace once it is tied, with an additional part being a flexible extension, attaching and incorporating the device as a part of the shoe itself.

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Claim 3. (New) A combination shoe and shoelace retaining device comprising of two substantially flexible wrapping interlocking retaining members with each having an adjusting means which extends through each flexible wrapping interlocking retaining member, joined together by a flexible arm, with a flexible loop extension attached thereto, which allows the device to be attached to a shoe by the flexible loop extension being inserted through a shoelace hole and inserted through said flexible loop to form a noose around the upper of the shoelace hole and surrounding shoe material, thereby allowing the device to be attached to said shoe.

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Claim 4. (New) A combination shoe and shoelace retaining device as described in claim 3 wherein the device is attached to a shoe.

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C. Claim 5. (New) A shoelace retaining device comprising of two substantially flexible wrapping interlocking members with each having an adjusting means, with said interlocking members having a plurality of interlocking members extending from a surface thereof, a flexible arm member extending between said flexible interlocking members, a flexible loop extension attached to said flexible arm, said flexible loop extension is adaptive to be inserted into a shoelace hole, said flexible loop extension being of a length that allows it to be inserted through itself and form a noose around the shoelace hole.

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REMARKS TO EXAMINER'S FINDINGS

1. New claims 3, 4, and 5 of this application is novel and thus patentable over prior art namely, Lavielle, Blum and Anderson in light said prior art not disclosing two extremely flexible retaining members with each member having an ability to adjust through an adjustment means which allows said device to retain a shoelace regardless of the thickness or lack thereof of said shoelace material. Further, said prior art does not disclose an extremely flexible loop retaining means that uniquely utilizes the shoe string hole of the shoe as an attachment means.

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